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Amendments to the Claims:

Subject to approval for entry by the Examiner, kindly amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

a housing defining a mounting surface having a pocket formed therein, wherein the mounting surface is a surface on said housing selected from the group consisting of a surface with the largest area and a surface essentially parallel to a plane containing the surface with the largest area;

an enhancement connector, disposed on the pocket, and which supports connection to a plurality of I/O ports of a portable information processing apparatus;
and

a holding member, coupled to said housing, which holds the portable information processing apparatus in a closed position and substantially vertical to said housing and in connection with said enhancement connector.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a display unit attached to said housing so as to be adjustable in position.

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4. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein said housing houses a device which extends the function of the portable information processing apparatus.

5. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

a housing, having a mounting surface wherein the mounting surface is a surface on said housing selected from the group consisting of a surface with the largest area and a surface essentially parallel to a plane containing the surface with the largest area, and adapted to house a portable information processing apparatus in a closed position substantially vertical to an installation surface on which the portable information processing apparatus is installed;

an enhancement connector, disposed on said housing, which supports connections of a plurality of I/O ports of the portable information processing apparatus; and

a stopper, coupled to the mounting surface, which supports the portable information processing apparatus to be connected to said housing;

wherein the mounting surface of said housing initially enables the portable information processing apparatus to be downwardly connected to said housing in a direction opposed by the installation surface.

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6. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

a housing having a mounting surface wherein the mounting surface is a surface on said housing selected from the group consisting of a surface with the largest area and a surface essentially parallel to a plane containing the surface with the largest area, and adapted to house a portable information processing apparatus in a closed position substantially vertical to an installation surface on which the portable information processing apparatus is installed;

an enhancement connector, disposed on said housing, which supports connections of a plurality of I/O ports of the portable information processing apparatus; and

a stopper, coupled to the mounting surface, which supports the portable information processing apparatus to be connected to said housing;

wherein said housing further includes a pocket on the mounting surface having an opening substantially vertical to the installation surface, and

said stopper is formed at any one of four side walls of said pocket.

7. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 5;

wherein said stopper is rail mounted and holds the portable information processing apparatus substantially vertical to the installation surface and slidable toward and away from the mounting surface.

8 - 9. (Canceled)

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10.(Currently amended) A processing apparatus, comprising:

a vertically oriented connection enhancement apparatus adapted to support connections of a plurality of I/O ports and defining a front surface having a pocket formed therein, wherein the front surface is a surface on said connection enhancement apparatus selected from the group consisting of a surface with the largest area and a surface essentially parallel to a plane containing the surface with the largest area;

a portable information processing apparatus removably attached to said connection enhancement apparatus from the front facing surface side; and

a holding member, coupled to said connection enhancement apparatus, which holds the portable information processing apparatus in a closed position and a substantially vertical to said housing orientation and in connection with said connection enhancement apparatus.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

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13. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

a housing defining a mounting surface having a pocket formed therein, wherein the mounting surface is a surface on said housing selected from the group consisting of the surface with the largest area and the surface essentially parallel to a plane containing the surface with the largest area;

a rotatable member extended from said housing; and

an enhancement connector, disposed on said rotatable member, which supports connection to a plurality of I/O ports of a portable information processing apparatus;

wherein said rotatable member is rotatably movable from an initial horizontal position ~~parallel to the installation surface~~ to the installed vertical position and supports the portable information processing apparatus in a closed position.

14. (Cancelled)

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